

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Monday, February 10, 2020 through Monday, February 17, 2020**WEDNESDAY**2/12/20¹**ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, February 15, 2020. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty. Nine (9) races filled and seventy-four (74) horses are scheduled to start. One (1) jockey change was submitted for Friday, February 14. This change was activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

THURSDAY2/13/20¹**ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, February 17, 2020. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty. Eight (8) races filled and seventy-six (76) horses are scheduled to start. Two (2) scratches and two (2) weight changes were submitted for Saturday, February 17. These changes were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

2/13/20²**CANCELLED RACE DAY**

Racing for today was cancelled by Santa Anita management on January 20, 2020. Thursday racing cards have been called off through March 12, with hopes of continuing Thursday's after that.

FRIDAY2/14/20¹**MARK GLATT HEARING (CASE NO. 19SA0208)**

CHRB Investigator Mike Barker appeared in our office today. The following information was on the cover page of a thirty-one (31) page complaint prepared by Mr. Barker and filed by the CHRB.

The official blood sample #LA42334 taken on 09/15/19, was reported by Dr. Ben Moller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain triamcinolone acetonide. This sample was obtained from the horse 'Zestful' which ran in the 6th race at Los Alamitos finishing 1st. The trainer of record is

Mark Glatt. A split sample analysis was not requested. This violation is a Class 4 drug with a penalty category C.

Trainer GLATT allegedly violated CHRB Rule #1843 (a)(b)(d) Medication, Drugs and Other Substances, Rule #1843.1 (a) Prohibited Drug Substances and Rule #1887 (a) Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse. Present at today's hearing were CHRB Investigator Mike Barker, Private Veterinarian Joseph Dowd DVM and Trainer Mark Glatt. CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur testified via telephone. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings.

Zestful won the \$100,000 'Los Alamitos Special' on September 15, 2019 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Trainer Glatt felt that the CHRB, Alan Balch (California Thoroughbred Trainers) and Dr. Rick Arthur were all at fault for not properly disseminating information regarding changes to CHRB Rule #1844.1 that were made in April 2019. Following testimony and presentation of documents this hearing was brought to a close. Decision to follow.

2/14/20²

NEW JOCKEY IN TOWN (REF: 1/25/20²)

Jockey Thomas Trullier appeared in our office this morning with Jockey Agent Derrick Lawson. The 19 year-old Frenchman rides his first race in the United States today. Once again today we went over protocol for California jockeys with the help of Translator/Jockey Agent Lawson. Jockey Trullier has won 65 races in his native France.

2/14/20³

EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Steward's posted the Inquiry sign immediately following the start of this race which was contested at one (1) mile on the infield turf course. Of particular interest was the actions of seventh place finisher #9 HOT MAGISTRATE (Drayden Van Dyke). This horse angled in sharply shortly after the start from his far outside post. The only horse in this race that wasn't affected by the incident was first place finisher #8 OH PRETTY WOMAN (Umberto Rispoli). Things got very, very tight for rivals to the inside of #9 HOT MAGISTRATE. Ninth place finisher #6 DANCE COSTUME (Flavien Prat) clipped heels and stumbled badly. #4 WINDS ALOFT (J.C. Diaz Jr.) also clipped heels. Jockey Diaz was nearly unseated and lost all chance before going on to an eighth-place finish. The Stewards spoke to three (3) jockeys involved in the incident. We received a patrol judge report and reviewed all camera angles.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards disqualified #9 HOT MAGISTRATE and placed her ninth (last). Jockey Drayden Van Dyke was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-7-5-3-1-2-~~9~~-4-6
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-7-5-3-1-2-4-6-9

2/14/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

4 th Race Declarations	#4 SHE'S DEVOTED (Tr. R. Baltas) Unsound-Dana Stead DVM #7 CALIFORNIA KOOK (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Dana Stead DVM REFUND TOTAL: 9,295.04
4 th Race	Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5
5 th Race Jockey Change	#1 LUCKY MS JONES U. Rispoli for J. Rosario (Sick)
5 th Race Declaration	#5 LIPPY (Tr. D. O'Neill) Unsound-Tim Grande DVM REFUND: \$1,728.36
5 th Race	#4 TIME FOR EBBY (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, M. Chew, trainer
5 th Race	Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5
6 th Race Jockey Changes	#6 SPECTATOR'S DREAM E. Flores for J. Valdivia Jr. (Sick) #8 EROTIC D. Van Dyke for J. Rosario (Sick)

2/14/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,002	\$530,407.23
SCOTWinc	3,703	\$1,179,924.79
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,528,177.97
Total	6,705	\$5,238,509.99

SATURDAY

2/15/20¹

MYLES MCMAHON RULING (REF: CASE NO. DM0077)

LATS RULING #36

Owner MYLES MCMAHON, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$376.78 to Melinda Blue DVM, MS) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #008 issued at Santa Anita Park on January 10, 2020, is set aside.

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue informed this office that Owner MYLES MCMAHON has paid a 'past due' bill in the amount of \$376.78. Mr. McMahon failed to appear for a hearing in our office on January 5, 2020 (REF:01/05/20 (4)). The ruling above reinstates his license privileges

2/15/20²

RUBEN FUENTES MEETING

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES requested an informal meeting with us this morning regarding the condition of the racetrack. Safety Steward Ron Church was present for our meeting and we requested the presence of Vice-President Racing Steve Lym. Jockey Fuentes told us that the racetrack was too slow. We thanked him for his input and Mr. Lym and the Stewards told Mr. Fuentes not to hesitate when he wants to voice his opinion of the racetrack surface.

2/15/20³

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE FILM REVIEW (REF: 02/14/20³)

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #9 HOT MAGISTRATE who finished seventh but was disqualified and placed ninth in the eighth race yesterday February 14. In this one (1) mile turf event Jockey Van Dyke altered course before being clear of original second place finisher #7 OH PRETTY WOMAN (Umberto Rispoli) forcing that rival to steady sharply and shift inward off of the heels of #9 HOT MAGISTRATE. After this incident virtually every other horse in the race, with the exception of first place finisher #8 OH PRETTY WOMAN (Abel Cedillo), was affected by this interference. Ninth place (last) place finisher #6 DANCE COSTUME (Flavien Prat) clipped heels. Eighth place finisher #4 WINDS ALOFT (J.C. Diaz Jr.) also clipped heels and almost unseated Jockey Diaz. This incident affected the outcome of this entire race in our opinion.

In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued. A five (5) day suspension was issued due to the severity of this careless ride.

LATS RULING #037

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode HOT MAGISTRATE in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on February 14, 2020, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (February 22, 23,28,29 and March 1, 2020), for altering course without sufficient clearance in the opening quarter mile causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from seventh to ninth place. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

2/15/20⁴

RICHARD BALTAS COMPLAINT (CASE NO.19LT0041)

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS appeared in our office today for a formal hearing. CHRB Investigator Mike Barker also was in attendance and presented a twenty-seven (27) page complaint before the Stewards today. The complaint alleges that Trainer Baltas violated CHRB Rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of the Horse) and Rule #1866

(Veterinarians List). Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed today's proceedings. The complaint in this case reads as follows:

The Official blood sample NC35878 taken on November 25, 2019 was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain dexamethasone. The sample was obtained from the horse Proverb which worked out for removal from the Veterinarians' List at Santa Anita. The trainer of record is Richard Baltas. A split sample analysis at Analytical Toxicology Laboratory (Ohio) confirmed the violation. This violation is a Class 4 drug with a Penalty Category C.

Proverb was working out in the morning in order to get off the Veterinarian's List. Trainer Baltas testified that this horse had a previous workout to get off the Veterinarian's List but did not qualify, when recording a workout time slower than the mandatory workout cutoff of one minute and three seconds (1:03) for five (5) furlongs. He stated that the second workout led to confusion at his barn. He told us a 'throat flush' used between workouts contained a small amount of dexamethasone which led to the alleged violation. Mr. Baltas was candid at today's hearing and accepted full responsibility for actions within his stable. Decision to follow.

2/15/20⁵

SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

2/15/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 ST Race Jockey Change	#4 START A RUNNIN U. Rispoli for E. Flores (Personal)
1 st Race	#6 SWAMP SOUFFLE (Tr. B. Spawr) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
3 rd Race Jockey Change	#1 PRINCEOFTHENORTH U. Rispoli for E. Flores (Personal)
3 rd Race Declaration	#5 YOU'RE RIGHT AGAIN (Tr. L. Wicker) Lamé Post Parade-Dana Stead DVM. REFUND: \$26,972.31
3 rd Race Ownership Change	#3 Papa Tony should read Bernie Kooner
5 th Race Jockey Change	V. Flores for E. Flores (Personal)
5 th Race	#2 MAYAN WARRIOR (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, C. Dollase, trainer—VOIDED—Unsound
6 th Race Jockey Change	#8 TIME N MONEY A. Delgadillo for E. Flores (Personal)
7 th Race Declaration	#4 FAST AS CASS (Tr. L. Ruiz) Enter Back-Stewards REFUND: \$7,755.00

2/15/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,292	\$1,190,675.01
SCOTWinc	5,844	\$2,098,977.08
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,710,669.83
Total	11,136	\$9,000,321.92

2/16/20¹

MARK GLATT RULING (REF: 2/14/20¹)

Trainer MARK GLATT was issued the following ruling after a formal hearing that was held for him on February 14, 2020. This violation was found in a blood sample taken on September 15, 2020. Trainer Glatt said he wasn't informed of stricter medication guidelines that were implemented by the CHRB in the spring of 2019.

LATS RULING #038

Trainer MARK GLATT, who started the horse ZESTFUL, first place finisher in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Triamcinolone Acetonide [Class 4]).

2/16/20²

JOEL ROSARIO RULING (REF: 1/30/20²) & (2/9/20¹)

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO rode in a designated race in Louisiana yesterday while under suspension here in California. This is allowed under the provisions of CHRB Rule #1766 (Designated Races). Jockey Rosario was originally suspended on January 30, 2020 (Ref: LATS Ruling #25). He also rode in a designated race in Florida on February 8, 2020 while under suspension here and also served an additional suspension day (Ref: LATS Ruling #35) for that action. Today we issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #039

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO is suspended for ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (February 22, 2020) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g) (Designated Races – participated in designated races out of state on February 15, 2020).

2/16/20³

TIAGO PEREIRA/ABEL CEDILLO FILM REVIEW

Jockeys TIAGO PEREIRA and ABEL CEDILLO both appeared in our office to review yesterday's (February 15) eighth race which was the Grade 2 Santa Monica Stakes (\$200,000) which was contested at seven (7) furlongs on the main track. Fifth place finisher #1 ROAD RAGER (Aaron Gryder) steadied at the 3/8ths mile marker in this race and the Stewards wanted to analyze the involvement of Jockeys' Pereira and Cedillo in this race. There was a five (5) horse field in this race. Entering the far turn fourth place finisher #3 Lady Ninja (Abel Cedillo) is leading the race and possibly stepped in slightly. Third place finisher #2 ZUSHA (Tiago Pereira) drives up between horses entering the turn forcing a tiring Jockey Aaron Gryder aboard #1 ROAD RAGER to steady his mount in tight quarters.

JOCKEY CEDILLO was held blameless by a majority of the Stewards'. We felt Jockey Pereira did not use good judgment when he drove up between horses and contributed to the interference of #2 ZUSHA. Jockey Pereira was issued a warning for this ride.

2/16/20⁴

SIXTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards announced that a Stewards' Review would be conducted into the start of the sixth race which was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. Of particular interest were the actions of third place finisher #2 AFTERNOON HEAT (J. Rosario) and second place finisher #12 POSTERIZE (Geovanni Franco). #12 POSTERIZE veered in sharply after the start and caused some rivals to the inside shift off their straight paths. The Stewards all decided against posting the Inquiry sign. Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO was ordered to film review with the Stewards tomorrow.

2/16/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#6 SHORT OF EZ (Tr. A. Meah) claimed, K. Mulhall, trainer
	#7 PAPA TURF (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
	#9 ISEE IT IN HISEYES (Tr. R. DeLeon) claimed, B. Heap, trainer
4 th Race Declarations	1 J Z MY MAN (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
	5 JEFFNJOHN'STHUNDR (Tr. J. Bonde) Sick -Dana Stead DVM
4 th NO SHOW WAGERING	
6 th Race Declaration	#4 JEN GO UNCHAINED (Tr. R. Becerra) Sick-Tim Grande DVM
	REFUND: \$1,417.72
6 th Race	#3 I BELONG TO BECKY (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
6 th Race	#12 POSTERIZE (Tr. L. Ruiz) claimed, I. Kruljac, trainer
7 th Race Declaration	#4 SHINES HER LIGHT (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards
	REFUND: \$4,408.58; Minus Pool \$2,728.78
8 th Race Declaration	#13 STRONG RULER (Tr. P. Harrington) Unsound- Tim Grande
	DVM. REFUND: \$303.94

2/16/20⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,545	\$1,133,256.13
SCOTWinc	4,830	\$1,586,057.02
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,857,668.12
Total	13,375	\$8,576,981.27

MONDAY
2/17/20¹

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW (REF: 2/16/20⁴)

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO appeared in our office today to review his ride in yesterday's sixth race which was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. Jockey Franco was aboard second place finisher #12 POSTERIZE. There was a Stewards' Review in this race as the Stewards wanted to look at the actions of #12 POSTERIZE and third place finisher #2 AFTERNOON HEAT (Joel Rosario). Race replays show #12 POSTERIZE angle in sharply contributing to 'confusion' to his inside. Eighth place finisher #8 BIG BARREL (Jorge Velez) was forced to shift his mount slightly. Jockey Franco was excused with a warning. He was told not to angle inward so dramatically as to intimidate other horses and jockeys.

2/17/20²**RICHARD BALTAS RULING (REF: 2/15/20⁴)**

The following ruling was issued in what was a unanimous decision. This is MR. BALTAS' second Class 4 medication violation in 365 days.

LATS RULING #040

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS, who worked the horse PROVERB, for removal from the Veterinarian's List on November 25, 2019, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and rule #1866(e) (Veterinarian's List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Dexamethasone [Class 4] – second violation in 365 days).

2/17/20³**HOT JOCKEY**

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO booted home four (4) winners on today's eight (8) race card. #5 TIG TOG (IRE) (\$6.20-1st Race), #2 OUT OF BALANCE (\$6.80 3rd Race), #9 LOUD MOUTH (\$35.40--5th Race) and #1 AN EDDIE SURPRISE (\$9.40-7TH Race) all had their 'pictures taken' by Track Photographer Tom Abahazy (Benoit & Associates).

2/17/20⁴**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

2/17/20⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #3 PLAYA CHICA (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed, V. Cerin, VOIDED-Bled
 5th Race Declarations #4 UNION RIDE (Tr. H. Palma) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 #7 CASTLE (Tr. M. Glatt) Injured-Tim Grande DVM
 5th Race #1 BLACKOUT (FR) Tr. Jeff Mullins, claimed, P. Miller, trainer
 REFUND TOTAL: \$5,134.60
 8th Race Declaration #5 ZONING (Tr. T. McCanna) Unsound- Tim Grande DVM
 8th Race #2 RUBY BRADLEY (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed, M. Polanco, trainer-VOIDED
 Unsound
 #4 ATINA (ARG) (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) claimed, Jeff Mullins, trainer
 REFUND: \$583.14

2/17/20⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,003	\$1,000,777.27
SCOTWinc	4,289	\$1,423,451.46
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,631,013.96
Total	11,292	\$6,055,242.69

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/14	Sat 2/15	Sun 2/16	Mon 2/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bred Races	3	1	4	0	8	43
Claims	1	2	5	2	10	60
Disqualifications	1	0	0	0	1	6
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	1	8
Refunds	3	2	5	3	13	125
Rulings	0	2	2	1	5	40
Voided Claims	0	1	0	2	3	7

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/10/20 TO 2/16/20

Horses on Vet List	14
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	6
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward

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